## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE

**PROCEEDINGS** 

RE:

ORDER FOR SUMMARY

SUSPENSION AND

NOTICE OF HEARING

KAYLA NELSON, LPN,

:

License No. P010875.

WHEREAS, Kayla Nelson, LPN ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number P010875; and

WHEREAS, that on or about April 3, 2018, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") was notified that the Licensee had been terminated from her employment in a long term care facility due to a positive drug test collected on March 28, 2018, which was positive for methamphetamines, benzodiazepines, and methadone; and

WHEREAS, after the complaint was received, the Board's Investigator began her investigation into the complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Investigator sent a written notice to the Licensee regarding setting up an informal meeting, but received no response from the Licensee; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Investigator also made numerous attempts to contact the Licensee by telephone and again got no response from Licensee; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Affidavit of Francie Miller and the above stated conduct, the Board has concluded that Licensee's actions require emergency action, in that Licensee's actions

may endanger the health and safety of those who are, or will be, entrusted to her care in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

## NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- That the Board has jurisdiction over the Licensee and the subject matter of this
  Order.
- 2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the actions of the Licensee imperatively require emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health, safety and welfare of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49 (4).
- 3. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for "good cause." Should licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact, the Licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements as set forth in this order as her South Dakota license.
- 4. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a practical nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

5. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on its web site and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law.

The South Board of Nursing met on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, and approved this Order for Summary Suspension by a vote of 7-0 and issues its Order for Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director

## NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Kayla Nelson, LPN, License No. P010875 ("Licensee") as follows:

1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on September 13, 2018, at 9:00 A.m. at the office of the South Dakota Board of Nursing, 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

- 2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.
- 3. The hearing will address the Board's assertion, as set forth in its Summary Suspension, that the Licensee, by her conduct, violated SDCL § 36-9-49 (4).
- 4. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether the Licensee's license shall be suspended, revoked or subject to other disciplinary action as determined by the evidence presented.
- The Board has requested the presence of an Administrative Law Judge from the
  Office of Hearing Examiners to preside at this proceeding.
- 6. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 11 day of July , 2018.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director